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HEATING ELEMENT

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**ATTENTION: (DO/US)**

**REQUEST FOR REFUND (37 CFR 1.28(a)) FOR  
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION ENTERING NATIONAL STAGE  
IN U.S. DESIGNATED OFFICE (DO/US) UNDER 35 USC 371**

**I. SUBMISSION OF VERIFIED STATEMENT**

Attached is a verified statement claiming small entity status in this Patent Application.

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## II. REFUND REQUEST

This request for refund is made within three months of the date a fee was paid in this Patent Application on 02 July 2004 in the amount of \$920.00.

## III. FEES PAID FOR WHICH REFUND REQUESTED

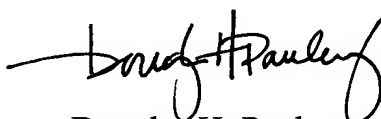
- (a) ☒ Filing Fee under 37 CFR 1.492 \$ 460.00
- (b) ☐ Fees for claims under 37 CFR  
1.492(b), (c) or (d) \$ \_\_\_\_\_
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## IV. MANNER OF REFUND

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